

12. (Amended) A database management device according to claim 6, which comprising:
searching order management means for setting the searching order of the following data in front
of the data corresponding to the following data.

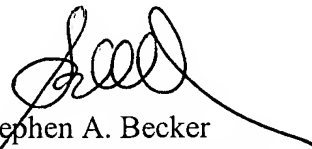
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13. (Amended) A database management device according to claim 6, which further
comprising: searching frequency monitoring means for monitoring the searching frequency of
the following data and the data corresponding to the following data; and the searching order
management means changes the searching orders of the specific data and the following data
according to the searching frequency.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 10,12 and 13 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee. Attached is a marked-up version of the claims as amended. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

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